

Blindness Related Services and Supports

For individuals who have been blind since birth, have visual impairments or for those who are losing their vision, the NEAT Center at Oak Hill is an invaluable resource, offering the following:

- Equipment and Software
- Blind and Low Vision Evaluation and Training
- Job Placement Assistance and Computer Training
- Summer Camp for Youth with Low Vision and Blindness
- Vision Open Houses



Other NEAT Services

Certified Aging In Place (CAP)—highly trained staff provide CAP evaluations and recommendations which enable people who are elderly to improve everyday skills.

Professional Development—training, CEU's, product demonstrations, and a speaker series is available year round; visit our website for a complete listing of events: www.neatmarketplace.org

Scholarships—The Legacy Fund provides funding for people who are legally blind. For more information or for an application, please call Oak Hill's Development & Communications Department at (860) 242-2274 or email: info@ciboakhill.org

Rental Information—The NEAT Center at Oak Hill is a fully-accessible facility with 12,500 square feet of flexible space and can be rented to host a variety of events and gatherings.

The Really NEAT Store—available at the Hartford location; the retail store provides a small variety of adaptive devices to purchase.

The NEAT Center at Oak Hill is the only **Microsoft Accessibility Resource Center** in Connecticut offering free instructional materials and classes to the public to learn about the accessibility options already built into personal computers and is an **AI square center**.



Mission:

Oak Hill enhances independence and quality of life for people with disabilities, including visual impairments, by setting the standard in providing innovative solutions, program excellence, services and advocacy.

The NEAT Center at Oak Hill provides people with temporary or permanent disabilities, seniors, families and professional with access to products, new and used equipment, training and services that enhance the independence and quality of life for people of all ages.

Contact Us:

The NEAT Center at Oak Hill currently has two locations but has plans to expand throughout the state and the northeast.

- **Hartford:** 120 Holcomb Street
(860) 243-2869
- **Stratford:** 80 Ferry Boulevard (a partner with the Disability Resource Center of Fairfield County)
(203) 378-6977



The **NEAT** Center at Oak Hill

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The **NEAT** Center at Oak Hill



The NEAT Center at Oak Hill
New England Assistive Technology
Resource & Education Center

Brings people with temporary or permanent disabilities together with equipment, services and training to enhance independence at school, home and work

The New England Assistive Technology (NEAT) Resource & Education Center at Oak Hill provides people with temporary or permanent disabilities, seniors, families, and professionals with access to products, new and used equipment, training and services that enhance the independence and quality of life for people of all ages. A program of Oak Hill, a recognized leader in disability services, the NEAT Center at Oak Hill provides the following services and resources:

- Equipment Restoration Center (ERC)
- Assistive Technology (AT) Consultation and Evaluation Services
- Training and Professional Development
- Demonstration Center
- Membership
- Blindness Related Services and Supports
- Certified Aging In Place Specialists (CAP)
- Scholarships
- Rental Information
- The Really NEAT Store

Equipment Restoration Center (ERC)— Knowledgeable staff provide personal consultations to people who need equipment to enhance their quality of life. The NEAT Center at Oak Hill accepts donations of gently used disability equipment, which is repaired, restored and sold to consumers at a savings of 50% to 80% of the original cost. An extensive inventory of medical equipment is available to choose from and try out at the Hartford and Stratford locations.



Disability equipment for infants and children up to 3 years old is also available through a partnership with the Connecticut State Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Birth to Three System.

Assistive Technology (AT) Consultation and Evaluation Services—Our highly trained and qualified staff work with families and students' educational teams to provide consultations and evaluations on the most appropriate and cost effective assistive technology.



Training and Professional Development— Educators and other professionals can receive training and technical assistance on a variety of assistive technology devices and adapted software to benefit their students with disabilities while earning recertification and Continuing Education Units (CEU's).



Demonstration Center—Comprised of a Computer Lab, Training and Evaluation Rooms, an Exposition Hall and an Information and Resource Library; the Demonstration Center provides resources and information on today's disability equipment and services. The newest technology is available to try out at expositions, product demonstrations, training and workshops.



Membership—The NEAT Center at Oak Hill is free to people with disabilities and their families and to people 65 years and older with physical limitations. Professionals, school districts, non-profits and corporations can become members and receive such benefits as: free and reduced prices on professional development classes; unlimited use of the Lending Library to borrow equipment; reduced rates to rent the NEAT Center at Oak Hill; product placement within the 12,500 square foot facility; and free admission and display space at expositions.

